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1. The Rudnik, or Cherno More, lignite coal mines are located approximately three or four kilometers south of Rudnik village (N 42-37, E 27-30), Burgas district, on the east bank of Lake Atanasovo. The mines belonged to Burov (fnu), a member of the Democratic Union Party, but are believed to have been nationalized. Three shafts were located approximately 100-200 meters east of the lake and two others, sunk more recently, were approximately 100-200 meters from Atanasovo village (N 42-31, E 27-28).
2. Approximately 1,000 laborers, working in three shifts, were employed at the mines. Two shifts actually mined coal and the third did technical work (sic).
3. A large amount of the output went to the Adriya thermoelectric power plant located in the mining area. This power plant, which provided all the electricity for the city of Burgas, was in a 2-story building, 30 meters by 40 meters in size, which had a stack 25-30 meters high. The steam boiler was on the first floor and the turbines and generator were on the second floor. There were two turbines in 1943, and a third one is believed to have been added in about 1949.
4. A narrow-gauge railroad ran from the mines to Sarafovo, a station six kilometers south of the mines on the Burgas-Pomorie railroad line. There was also a road from the mines to the Burgas-Varna highway.
5. In 1943, the mines and the electric plant were guarded against sabotage by seven policemen.

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